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PATENT APPLICATION

Docket No. 17040.3a.1

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of	Walid Najib ABOUL-HOSN)
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Serial No.:	10/644,599)
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Filing Date:	August 19, 2003) 3734
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Confirmation No.:	5566)
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Title:	APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR)
	MAINTAINING FLOW THROUGH A)
	VESSEL OR DUCT)
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Examiner:	Vy Q. Bui)
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Customer No.:	022913)

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed June 14, 2007, Applicant respectfully submits the following to be filed in the above-identified application.

The Examiner has confirmed that Applicant elected the inventions associated with Group I - (Claims 1-34, 52-60): drawn to a device/devices, classified in class 623, subclass 1.15. The Examiner has requested that the Applicant now elect a single species from the following species:

Species I: Fig. 8;
Species II: Fig. 13;
Species II: Fig. 14;
Species II: Fig. 15; and
Species II: Fig. 17.

The Examiner has also indicated that at least claim 1 is generic.

Applicant hereby elects Species I: Fig. 8, and claims 1-3, 5-21, and 52 without traverse. Claims 4, 22-34 and 53-60 are hereby withdrawn from consideration without prejudice to the further prosecution of these claims at a later date.

Should the Examiner have any questions or concerns, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned by telephone at (801) 533-9800.

Dated this 14th day of August, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

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